
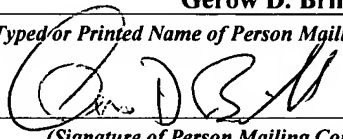

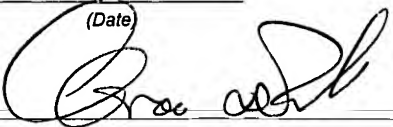


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Invention: Method and Apparatus for adding a tubular to drill string with diverter				
				
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Inventor: <b>Method and Apparatus for adding a tubular to drill string with diverter</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

**This is a response to the Office Action dated December 2008. Please amend the above-identified Application, as follows:**

**In order to expedite the prosecution, please cancel Claims 56 - 68, add new Claims 73-81. Claims 69 -72 remain unchanged.**

**LIST OF CLAIMS**

**Claims 1-68 (Cancelled)**

**Claims 69-72 (Previously entered)**

**Claim 73-81 (New)**